IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing correspondence information to a personal digital assistant (PDA) device from a handheld device wherein the handheld device is a specific-purpose device having functionality limited essentially to communicating correspondence information between other devices proximate to the handheld device, the method comprising:

retrieving, by the handheld device, the correspondence information from a memory of the handheld device;

translating, by the handheld device, the correspondence information into a format utilized by an operating system of the PDA device; and

transmitting, by the handheld device, the translated correspondence information to the PDA device via a wireless channel established directly between the handheld device and the PDA device.

2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising:
verifying the operating system of the PDA device in response to an input command indicative of a type of PDA device.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving correspondence information from a second PDA device;
translating the received correspondence information into a standardized format; and
storing the translated and received correspondence information into the memory storage.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the correspondence information is programmed into the memory storage.

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5.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the correspondence information comprises at least one of business card information and calendar appointment information.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 5 wherein the business card information comprises at least one of a name of a person, an address, a telephone number and a title of the person.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 5 wherein the calendar appointment information comprises at least one of an appointment time, a location of the appointment, a telephone number, and a name of a person.

8.   (Original) ` The method of claim 1 wherein the wireless channel comprises an infrared signal path.

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the translating of the correspondence information is different for different types of PDA devices.

10.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing correspondence information to a personal digital assistant (PDA) device, the apparatus comprising:
        a translator, configured to retrieve correspondence information and translate the retrieved correspondence information into a format utilized by an operating system of the PDA device; and
        an interface port, coupled-to-the-translator, for transmitting the correspondence information to the PDA device via a wireless channel established directly between the interface port and the PDA device, wherein the apparatus is a handheld device having functionality limited essentially to communicating correspondence information between other devices proximate to the handheld device.

11.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the translator comprises:
        a memory for storing a data translating program; and

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a microprocessor, coupled to the memory, for translating the correspondence information upon executing the data translating program.

12.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the translator verifies the operating system of the PDA device prior to retrieving correspondence information.

13.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising:

a selector, coupled to the translator, configured for providing an input command to initiate the translator.

14.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising an electrical programmable read only memory (EPROM).

15.   (Currently Amended)   A hand held device, comprising:

a memory containing contents comprising (i) information consisting of business card information[[,]] and calendar appointment information, and (ii) at least one operating system;

a processor configured to access the information and execute the operating system contained in the memory;

an input/output device configured to transmit the information to and receive the information from a wireless channel established directly between the input/output device and at least one proximate portable device; and

a power source configured to supply power to at least the processor, wherein the hand held device has functionality limited essentially to communicating the correspondence information between other portable devices proximate to the hand held device.

16.   (Currently Amended) The hand held device of claim 15 wherein the information contents further consists of a translator program configured to translate the business card information and calendar appointment information into a format usable by another operating system.

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17.   (Original)   The hand held device of claim 15 wherein the at least one operating system comprises a plurality of operating systems.

18.   (Currently Amended)   A data transfer system, the system comprising:

a first personal digital assistant (PDA) device configured to receive correspondence information; and

a data dispenser, wherein the data dispenser is a specific-purpose device having functionality limited essentially to communicating correspondence information to other devices proximate to the data dispenser, ~~configured to provide correspondence information to~~ including the first PDA device, the data dispenser comprising:

a translator configured to retrieve correspondence information in a first format and translate the retrieved correspondence information into a second format utilized by an operating system of the first PDA device; and

an interface port, ~~coupled to the translator,~~ for transmitting the correspondence information to the first PDA device via a wireless channel established directly between the interface port and the first PDA device.

19.   (Original)   The data transfer system of claim 18 further comprising:

a computer-controlled device, configured to provide correspondence information to the data dispenser, where the data dispenser is further configured to receive correspondence information from the computer-controlled device, the interface port further receives correspondence information from the computer-controlled device, and the translator further translates the received correspondence information into a standardized format for storage in the memory.

20.   (Original)   The data transfer system of claim 19 wherein the computer-controlled device comprises one of a personal computer and a second PDA device.

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